

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, June 19, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Hope and Truth, we believe that Your always-available guidance enables us to live successful and meaningful lives and to reach the goal for which we have been created by You. We are grateful for Your daily blessings and for the material and spiritual gifts which You have bestowed upon us. As elected leaders, help us to assist constituents in their efforts to use their own personal talents and intellectual gifts in a productive manner. Inspire us to address the current legislative and public policy matters in a wise and fair manner and to plan for a prosperous future for the people and the Commonwealth.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gifford of Wareham) congratulating Mary Jane Pillsbury on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-five years of service to the people of Wareham;

Mary Jane  
Pillsbury.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating EMD Serono on its receipt of the Gold Medal Award from Computerworld;

EMD  
Serono.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Jeffrey Lewis on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jeffrey  
Lewis.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Cameron Secrest on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Cameron  
Secrest.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Stanley of Waltham and Koutoujian of Waltham) congratulating Thomas Jewell on the occasion of his retirement;

Thomas  
Jewell.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Burlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Pedone of Worcester) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Municipalities  
and Regional  
Government  
committee,  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be granted until Thursday, July 17, 2008, the time within which to report on current House documents numbered 1940, 1941, 1942, 1948, 1993, 2000, 4583, 4753 and 4762, relating to animals, civil process reform, and home-rule petitions.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communication.

Executive  
Office of  
Transportation.

A communication from the Executive Office of Transportation (under the provisions of items 6000-0100 and 6010-0001 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2007) submitting copies of several quarterly and special reports, including STIP funding, Chapter 90 PWED fund and certain payroll reports, was read for the information of the House; and it was placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual reports

Gay and  
Lesbian  
Commission.

Of the Massachusetts Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth (pursuant to Section 67(c)(2) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its 2008 Annual Report representing the work of the Commission in fiscal year 2008;

Registry  
of Vital  
Statistics.

Of the Registry of Vital Statistics (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its one hundred fifty-sixth annual report on statistics of births, deaths, marriages and divorces in the Commonwealth;

Property  
and Casualty Ini-  
tiative,  
Charitable  
Gaming  
Division.

Of the Property and Casualty Initiative (under Section 3 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) for the fiscal year 2007;

Status of  
Women.

Of the State Lottery Charitable Gaming Division (under the provisions of Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for the fiscal year 2007;

Of the Commission on the Status of Woman (under the provision of Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its report for the year 2007; and

Small  
Business  
Advisory Council.

Of the Massachusetts Small Business Advisory Council (under the provisions of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003) submitting its report detailing the efforts and findings of its work for the fiscal year 2007;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Sudbury,  
property  
tax.

Mr. Conroy of Wayland presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4860) of Thomas P. Conroy (by vote of the town)

authorizing the town of Sudbury to regulate certain property tax exemption eligibility requirements; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Augustus presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Edward M. Augustus, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Mercurio, an employee of the Department of Social Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mary  
Mercurio,  
sick leave.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Donato of Medford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the city of Medford as the Sergeant Anthony P. Annino Bridge; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Sgt. Anthony  
Annino  
Bridge.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Rush of Boston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Secretary of the Commonwealth be directed to prepare ballots in English-Chinese and English-Vietnamese for designated polling places in the city of Boston; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Boston,  
ballots.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order (having been reported by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch as follows:

*Ordered*, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Friday, July 11, 2008 within which to make its final report on a certain current Senate document numbered 2682 relative to the Massachusetts military reservation fire department.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Public Safety and  
Homeland Secu-  
rity  
committee,  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Westfield,

Land  
restrictions.

A Bill authorizing the city of Westfield to convey a conservation restriction to the Department of Fish and Game (Senate, No. 2674) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Sunderland,  
SBA income.

A Bill establishing a special reserve fund in the town of Sunderland (Senate, No. 2686) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Southern  
Berkshire  
School  
District.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William Smitty Pignatelli that the Secretary of the Commonwealth be authorized to place on the ballot in the current year the names of candidates for election to the school committee of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. To the committee on Election Laws.

Shannon  
Crouse,  
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Christopher N. Speranzo and others for legislation to establish a sick leave for Shannon Crouse, an employee of the District Court of Southern Berkshire. To the committee on Judiciary.

William  
Hinton  
Laboratory.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Elizabeth A. Malia that the building housing the State Laboratory Institute in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston be designated as the William A. Hinton Laboratory. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Falmouth,  
Raleigh D.  
Costa  
Bridge.

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, that the Bill relative to the designation of a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth the Raleigh D. Costa Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4435) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Department of  
Telecommunica-  
tions and Cable.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill regarding the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (printed in House, No. 4816).

Francis R.  
Powers  
Memorial Bridge.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the towns of Marshfield and Scituate as the Francis R. Powers Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4809).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Price  
disclosure.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on Community Development and Small Business, on Senate, Nos. 135 and 141 and

House, Nos. 157, 166, 179 and 193, a Bill relative to clear and conspicuous price disclosure (House, No. 4858).

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill to insure accessible technology (House, No. 349).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the student entrepreneurial development and economic investment fund (House, No. 364).

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 443, a Bill relative to school district accountability (House, No. 4859).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Disabled  
persons,  
technology  
access.  
Students,  
entrepreneurial  
fund.

School district  
accountability.

Transportation  
bonds.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth to finance improvements to the Commonwealth's transportation system (printed in House, No. 4698) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Burlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing Daniel Wesinger to take the civil service examination for firefighter in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4123) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill relative to certain sewer connections in the town of Essex (Senate, No. 1201), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

#### *House bills*

Authorizing the city of Lynn to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4378) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the establishment of a firearms licensing fund in the town of Goshen (House, No. 4400, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Anthony F. Zquette, an employee of the University of Massachusetts Medical School (House, No. 4808); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew DiCicco, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4815) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.